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DEPT FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VIRGINIA ALLAN
USIA FOR MILDRED MARCY, SENIOR COORDINATOR, INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S YEAR

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: STOCKHOLM AMERICAN CLUB ADMITS WOMEN -- FINALLY

I AM HAPPY TO TELL YOU THAT BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
AMERICAN CLUB OF STOCKHOLM, A GROUP MADE UP MAINLY OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN COMPANIES IN SWEDEN AND SWEDISH
COMPANIES WITH US COMMERCIAL INTERESTS, APPROVED TWO WOMEN
FOR MEMBERSHIP FEBRUARY 6, INCLUDING EMBASSY E/C OFFICER
MARY E. MCDONNELL. (OTHER ADMITTEE IS OFFICIAL IN STOCKHOLM
OFFICE OF GENERAL MOTORS ACCEPTANCE CORP., PUT UP FOR
MEMBERSHIP AT LAST MINUTE.) ACTION FOLLOWED MORE THAN ONE
YEAR OF EFFORT BY MY EMBASSY, FIRST TO REMOVE RESTRICTIONS
IN CLUB BY-LAWS AGAINST ELIGIBILITY OF WOMEN FOR MEMBERSHIP
AND THEN TO GET BOARD TO ACT ON E/C OFFICER'S APPLICATION.
EMBASSY TAKES SOME SATISFACTION IN FACT THAT CLUB, ALTHOUGH
SLOW LEARNER, HAS FINALLY MASTERED LESSON THAT DISCRIMINATION
ON ANY GROUNDS IS INTOLERABLE. I HAVE MUCH APPRECIATED
YOUR STRONG INTEREST AND SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER.
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